



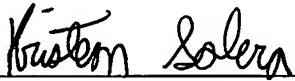
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Kevin Gordon Jr.)	
Application No:)	Art Unit: 1734
10/633,177)	
Filed:)	Confirmation No.: 4889
August 1, 2003)	
For:)	Examiner: George R. Koch
SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR)	
WELDING OF PARTS)	

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

This Response is being filed in response to the outstanding Final Office Action, dated June 30, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application. This response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2005, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper; however, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number **06-1448, Reference STE-023.01.**

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

As set forth below, please amend claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 11, and please cancel claim 11.

Applicant respectfully suggests that claim 1 as amended is in condition for allowance, for the reasons set forth below, and that dependent claims 2-10 and 12-15, which depend from amended claim 1, therefore also are in condition for allowance.

Claims 16-30 were withdrawn from prosecution by the Examiner in the Office Action dated March 21, 2005 as a consequence of the fact that Applicant previously had received an action on the merits with respect to claims 1-15.